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In re application of	:	
Feurhaupter et al	:	Group Art Unit: 1763
Serial No.: 10/675,019	:	Examiner: Roberts P. Culbert
Filed: September 30, 2003	:	Confirmation No. 4826
For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR MICRO-ROUGHENING TREATMENT OF COPPER AND MIXED-METAL CIRCUITRY		

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 16 JUNE 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply is submitted together with Applicants' RCE in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on 16 June 2006, in which a three-month time for response was provided. Accordingly, Applicants' Reply is timely filed on Monday, 18 September 2006, with a one month extension of time, since 16 September 2006 is a Saturday. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.